

# EXHIBIT A

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STATE OF WASHINGTON  
 THURSTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

GELLERT DORNAY and MARK JONES,  
 individually and on behalf of all others similarly  
 situated,

21-2-01368-34

Plaintiffs,

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

v.

VOLKSWAGEN GROUP OF AMERICA,  
 INC., a New Jersey corporation,  
 Defendant.

Plaintiffs Gellert Dornay ("Dornay") and Mark Jones ("Jones," and collectively "Plaintiffs"), individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, allege the following based upon personal knowledge as to Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs' own acts, and upon information and belief as to all other allegations, based on investigation of counsel. This investigation included, *inter alia*, a review of public documents prepared by Defendant, media reports, and other information concerning Defendant. The investigation of the facts pertaining to this case is continuing. Plaintiffs believe that substantial evidentiary support will exist for the allegations set forth herein after a reasonable opportunity for discovery.

I. INTRODUCTION

1. This class action suit seeks statutory damages for violations of the Washington Privacy Act, Chapter 9.73 RCW (hereafter the "WPA" or the "Act"), which forbids any entity in

1 Washington from intercepting or recording any private communication without first  
2 obtaining the consent of all the participants in the communication.<sup>1</sup>

3 2. Because Defendant has violated the WPA, it is liable for liquidated damages computed at  
4 the rate of one hundred dollars per day for each day of violation, not to exceed one thousand  
5 dollars per Plaintiff and absent class member, and a reasonable attorneys' fee and other  
6 costs of litigation.

7 3. Plaintiffs are also entitled to declaratory and injunctive relief that Defendant has violated  
8 the WPA, and enjoining further violations.

## 9 II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

10 4. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this lawsuit and over the parties to  
11 the lawsuit.

12 5. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to RCW 4.12.025 because Defendant resides in this  
13 county.

## 14 III. PARTIES

15 6. Plaintiff Dornay is now, and at all times relevant to this Complaint has been, a Washington  
16 resident.

17 7. Plaintiff Jones is now, and at all times relevant to this Complaint has been, a Washington  
18 resident.

19 8. Defendant Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. is a New Jersey corporation with its  
20 principal place of business in Herndon, Virginia.

21 9. Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Volkswagen  
22 Aktiengesellschaft ("VWAG"), a multinational automotive manufacturing company  
23 headquartered in Wolfsburg, Germany. VWAG is the ultimate parent and controlling  
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25 <sup>1</sup> As described below, Plaintiffs seek to represent a class consisting of: *"All persons, who in the three years*  
26 *prior to the date of filing this Complaint, had their text messages recorded by the infotainment system in a VW*  
27 *vehicle (Volkswagen, Audi, Bentley, Bugatti, or Lamborghini) while a resident of the State of Washington."*

1 company of numerous subsidiary companies and organizations. VWAG, assisted by its  
 2 affiliates and subsidiaries, develops, produces, and sells vehicles for, *i.e.*, Volkswagen,  
 3 Audi, Bentley, Bugatti, and Lamborghini. Together herein, these are referred to as "VW  
 4 vehicles" or "vehicles manufactured by VW."

5 10. Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. (hereafter, "VW") advertises, markets, sells, and  
 6 leases VW vehicles through dealers and independent distributors across the United States.

#### 7 IV. FACTS

##### 8 A. VW vehicle infotainment systems.

9 11. Modern vehicles, including vehicles manufactured by VW, contain "infotainment  
 10 systems."

11 12. Infotainment systems in VW vehicles include methods for the system to connect to a  
 12 smartphone, both by USB and by Bluetooth.

13 13. Once a smartphone is connected to the infotainment system in a VW vehicle, the system  
 14 offers additional apps and functionality native to the smartphone but controlled and  
 15 accessed through the infotainment system controls rather than through the smartphone.

16 14. These can include, for example, the ability to play music stored on or streamed through the  
 17 smartphone through the vehicle's speakers, and to use the smartphone's satellite  
 18 navigation software through the infotainment system screen and vehicle speakers for turn-  
 19 by-turn directions.

20 15. Infotainment systems in VW vehicles also include the ability to make and receive telephone  
 21 calls on a connected smartphone, using the vehicle microphone and speakers and thereby  
 22 operating hands-free.

23 16. At all relevant times, infotainment systems in VW vehicles also interface with the  
 24 smartphone's text messaging system.

25 17. Infotainment systems in VW vehicles are designed to work specifically with at least the two  
 26 major smartphone operating systems: CarPlay for Apple smartphones (iPhones) and  
 27 Android Auto for Android smartphones.

18. On information and belief, infotainment systems in VW vehicles from at least 2014 onward also download and store a copy of all text messages on smartphones when those phones are connected to the infotainment system.

19. On information and belief, third party Berla Corporation (“Berla”), based in Annapolis, Maryland, manufactures equipment (hardware and software) capable of extracting stored text messages from infotainment systems in VW vehicles.

20. On information and belief, the Berla system is not generally available to the general public.

21. Berla states that “Our vehicle forensics tools are available to law enforcement, military, civil and regulatory agencies, and select private industry organizations.”<sup>2</sup>

22. On information and belief, infotainment systems in VW vehicles automatically download a copy of every text message stored on any phone connected to the system and stores that copy in computer memory on the vehicle in such a manner that the vehicle owner cannot access it.

23. However, according to Berla, while a vehicle owner cannot retrieve that text message, Berla and VW have ensured that law enforcement can.

24. According to a 2017 report in CyberScoop, Ben LeMere, the CEO and founder of Berla, bragged in 2014 that “We’ve been working directly with the [original equipment manufacturers] themselves to educate them. Hey, ‘this is privacy data,’ ‘this is what you need to secure.’ *But we only do that when it’s part of an agreement that they will allow law enforcement in.*”<sup>3</sup> (Emphasis added.)

25. In a story published by NBC News, NBC quoted LeMere from a podcast as follows:  
 “‘People rent cars and go do things with them and don’t even think about the places they are going and what the car records,’ LeMere said in a June interview for a podcast made by

<sup>2</sup> See <https://berla.co/> (last accessed May 24, 2021).

<sup>3</sup> See <https://www.cyberscoop.com/berla-car-hacking-dhs/> (last accessed May 24, 2021 and attached hereto as Exhibit A). That article refers to, and quotes, a 19:52 minute presentation found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E0DQEVgY5k>.

1 Cellebrite, a company that makes tools to help law enforcement agencies extract data from  
2 locked mobile phones. 'Most of them aren't doing anything wrong, but it's pretty funny to  
3 see the hookers and blow request text messages and answers.'"<sup>4</sup>

4 26. A recent article published by The Intercept quoted LeMere as follows: "In a 2015  
5 appearance on the podcast 'The Forensic Lunch,' LeMere told the show's hosts how the  
6 company uses exactly this accidental-transfer scenario in its trainings: 'Your phone died,  
7 you're gonna get in the car, plug it in, and there's going to be this nice convenient USB  
8 port for you. When you plug it into this USB port, it's going to charge your phone,  
9 absolutely. And as soon as it powers up, it's going to start sucking all your data down into  
10 the car.'"<sup>5</sup>

11 27. The Intercept article continues: "In the same podcast, LeMere also recounted the  
12 company pulling data from a car rented at BWI Marshall Airport outside Washington,  
13 D.C.: 'We had a Ford Explorer ... we pulled the system out, and we recovered 70 phones  
14 that had been connected to it. All of their call logs, their contacts and their SMS history, as  
15 well as their music preferences, songs that were on their device, and some of their Facebook  
16 and Twitter things as well. ... And it's quite comical when you sit back and read some of  
17 the the [sic] text messages.'"<sup>6</sup>

18 28. On information and belief, a reasonable opportunity for discovery will show that  
19 infotainment systems in VW vehicles automatically download a copy of all text messages  
20 from connected smartphones and store them in onboard computer memory.

23 <sup>4</sup> See [https://www.nbcnews.com/tech/tech-news/snitches-wheels-police-turn-car-data-destroy-suspects-](https://www.nbcnews.com/tech/tech-news/snitches-wheels-police-turn-car-data-destroy-suspects-alibis-n1251939)  
24 [alibis-n1251939](https://www.nbcnews.com/tech/tech-news/snitches-wheels-police-turn-car-data-destroy-suspects-alibis-n1251939) (last accessed May 24, 2021 and attached as Exhibit B). That article purports to  
25 hyperlink to a podcast at [https://www.cellebrite.com/en/series/vehicle-data-extractions-ben-lemere-](https://www.cellebrite.com/en/series/vehicle-data-extractions-ben-lemere-ceo-at-berla-vehicle-forensics/)  
[ceo-at-berla-vehicle-forensics/](https://www.cellebrite.com/en/series/vehicle-data-extractions-ben-lemere-ceo-at-berla-vehicle-forensics/) but no such podcast appears at that URL as of May 24, 2021.

26 <sup>5</sup> See <https://theintercept.com/2021/05/03/car-surveillance-berla-msab-cbp/> (last accessed May 24, 2021  
27 and attached as Exhibit C). The article contains no internal link to this referenced podcast.

<sup>6</sup> *Id.*



- 1 29. On information and belief, a reasonable opportunity for discovery will show that the  
2 onboard stored copy of text messages cannot be accessed by vehicle owners.
- 3 30. On information and belief, a reasonable opportunity for discovery will show that the  
4 onboard stored copy of text messages can be accessed by someone using hardware and  
5 software designed and sold by Berla.
- 6 31. Berla specifically restricts access to its systems, making them available primarily to law  
7 enforcement and private investigation service providers.
- 8 32. No Plaintiff is able to acquire a Berla system in order to be able to access the text messages  
9 stored on his own or any other VW vehicle.
- 10 **B. Plaintiff Dornay's VW infotainment system, smartphone, and text messages.**
- 11 33. Plaintiff Dornay owns a 2015 vehicle manufactured by VW.
- 12 34. Plaintiff Dornay's VW vehicle is equipped with an infotainment system that syncs to any  
13 smartphone either plugged into the system through a USB cable or connected via  
14 Bluetooth.
- 15 35. Plaintiff Dornay owns a smartphone.
- 16 36. The infotainment system on Plaintiff Dornay's VW is a device designed to record text  
17 communications.
- 18 37. In the past three years, on more than ten occasions, Plaintiff Dornay connected his  
19 smartphone into the infotainment system in his VW vehicle.
- 20 38. Plaintiff Dornay never consented to VW downloading and storing his text messages, and  
21 similarly did not consent to third parties such as Berla or law enforcement having access to  
22 copies of such text messages made by his VW infotainment system.
- 23 39. On at least ten occasions in the past three years, Plaintiff Dornay connected his smartphone  
24 to his VW vehicle infotainment system at a time that it had at least one text message stored  
25 on it.
- 26 40. Each of Plaintiff Dornay's text messages was and is a private communication, inasmuch as  
27 Plaintiff Dornay had not shared the messages with anyone other than the recipients.

1 41. On information and belief, a reasonable opportunity for discovery will show that each text  
2 message on Plaintiff Dornay's smartphone was downloaded and recorded onto onboard  
3 vehicle memory by his VW vehicle's infotainment system.

4 42. VW was not a party to any of the text messages.

5 43. By the foregoing conduct, VW recorded the text messages through the infotainment  
6 system.

7 44. On information and belief, a reasonable opportunity for discovery will show that Plaintiff  
8 Dornay's VW vehicle infotainment system wrongfully retains the recorded copy of Plaintiff  
9 Dornay's text message for more than ten days.

10 **C. Plaintiff Jones's text messages.**

11 45. In the past three years, Plaintiff Jones sent at least one text message to Plaintiff Dornay.

12 46. Plaintiff Dornay thereafter connected his smartphone to the infotainment system in his VW  
13 vehicle.

14 47. On information and belief, a reasonable opportunity for discovery will show that Plaintiff  
15 Jones's text message to Plaintiff Dornay was downloaded and recorded onto onboard  
16 vehicle memory by Plaintiff Dornay's VW vehicle infotainment system.

17 48. VW was not a party to the text message.

18 49. By the foregoing conduct, VW intercepted and recorded the text messages through the  
19 infotainment system.

20 50. On information and belief, a reasonable opportunity for discovery will show that Plaintiff  
21 Dornay's VW vehicle infotainment system wrongfully retains the recorded copy of Plaintiff  
22 Jones's text message for more than ten days.

23 **D. Privacy of text messages; Non-consent to VW's interception and recording.**

24 51. Each of Plaintiff Dornay's text messages is a private communication between Plaintiff  
25 Dornay and his interlocutor.

26 52. Plaintiff Dornay has never consented to VW intercepting his text messages.

27 53. Plaintiff Dornay has never consented to VW recording his text messages.



1 54. Plaintiff Dornay has never inquired of an interlocutor to his text messages whether the  
2 counterparty consents to VW intercepting and recording the text messages.

3 55. As such, no interlocutor of Plaintiff Dornay has ever consented to VW intercepting and/  
4 or recording their text messages.

5 56. VW's intercepting and recording of Plaintiff Dornay's text messages has injured Plaintiff  
6 Dornay. On information and belief, Plaintiff Dornay's private and confidential text  
7 messages now reside on his VW vehicle, can be accessed by Berla systems, and cannot be  
8 deleted by Plaintiff Dornay. Each of Plaintiff Dornay's private and confidential text  
9 messages is accessible at any time by law enforcement, by Berla, and by similar private  
10 actors.

11 57. VW has also injured Plaintiff Dornay by depriving him of the right and ability to engage in  
12 private text communications without unwillingly allowing VW to intercept and record a  
13 copy for access by third parties such as Berla and law enforcement.

14 58. Each of Plaintiff Jones' text messages is a private communication between Plaintiff Jones  
15 and his interlocutor.

16 59. Plaintiff Jones has never consented to VW intercepting his text messages.

17 60. Plaintiff Jones has never consented to VW recording his text messages.

18 61. VW's recording of Plaintiff Jones's text messages has injured Plaintiff Jones. On  
19 information and belief, Plaintiff Jones's private and confidential text messages now reside  
20 on Plaintiff Dornay's VW vehicle, and can be accessed by Berla systems, and cannot be  
21 deleted by either Plaintiff Dornay or Jones. Each of Plaintiff Jones' private and confidential  
22 text messages to Plaintiff Dornay is accessible at any time by law enforcement, by Berla,  
23 and by similar private actors.

24 62. VW has injured Plaintiff Jones by depriving him of the right and ability to engage in private  
25 text communications without unwillingly allowing VW to intercept and record a copy for  
26 access by third parties such as Berla and law enforcement.  
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V. CLASS ALLEGATIONS

63. Plaintiffs bring this action as a class action pursuant to Civil Rule 23 on behalf of the following Classes of persons:

All persons, who within three years prior to the filing of this Complaint, had their text messages recorded by the infotainment system in a VW vehicle (Volkswagen, Audi, Bentley, Bugatti, or Lamborghini) while a resident of the State of Washington.

Excluded from the Class are Defendant VW and any person, firm, trust, corporation, or other entity related to or affiliated with any defendant.

64. On information and belief, VW vehicles have intercepted and recorded text messages from numerous Washington persons.

65. On information and belief, the Class is so numerous that joinder of all affected persons is impracticable and the disposition of their claims in a class action, rather than in individual actions, will benefit both the parties and the courts.

66. On information and belief, Class members may be identified from records maintained by one or more of the Washington Department of Licensing, VW, and/or Berla, and may be notified of the pendency of this action by mail or electronic mail using the form of notice similar to that customarily used in class actions.

67. Plaintiffs' claims are typical of the claims of the other members of the Class.

68. All members of the Class have been and/or continue to be similarly affected by VW's wrongful conduct as complained of herein. Plaintiffs are unaware of any interests that conflict with or are antagonistic to the interests of the Class.

69. Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately protect the Class members' interests and have retained counsel competent and experienced in class actions and complex litigation. Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs' counsel will adequately and vigorously litigate this class action, and Plaintiffs are aware of their duties and responsibilities to the Class.

70. VW has acted with respect to the Class in a manner generally applicable to each Class member. Common questions of law and fact exist as to all Class members and predominate

1 over any questions affecting individual Class members. The questions of law and fact  
2 common to the Class include, *inter alia*:

- 3 a. Whether VW recorded private communications and conversations without the  
4 consent of all participants in the communication and conversations; and  
5 b. The remedies available to Plaintiffs and the Class.

6 71. A class action is superior to all other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication  
7 of this controversy since joinder of all Class members is impracticable. Furthermore, as the  
8 statutory damages suffered by individual Class members is relatively small, the expense and  
9 burden of individual litigation makes it impossible as a practical matter for Class members  
10 to individually redress the wrongs done to them. There will be no difficulty in managing  
11 this action as a class action.

12 72. VW has acted on grounds generally applicable to the entire Class with respect to the  
13 matters complained of herein, thereby making appropriate the relief sought herein with  
14 respect to the Class as a whole.

15 **VI. CAUSES OF ACTION**

16 **A. First Cause of Action: Washington Privacy Act**

17 73. Plaintiffs hereby incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the preceding  
18 paragraphs of this Complaint.

19 74. This First Cause of Action is brought pursuant to the Washington Privacy Act, Chapter  
20 9.73 RCW, on behalf of the Class, against VW.

21 75. As to each Plaintiff and member of the Class, VW recorded private communications  
22 transmitted by telephone, telegraph, radio, or other device between two or more individuals  
23 between points within or without the state of Washington by means of a device designed to  
24 record or transmit said communication.

25 76. As to each Plaintiff and member of the Class, VW did not first obtain the consent of all the  
26 participants in such communications.  
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1 77. VW recorded private conversations by means of a device designed to record or transmit  
2 such conversation without first obtaining the consent of all the persons engaged in the  
3 conversation.

4 78. VW is therefore liable to each Plaintiff and member of the Class for liquidated damages  
5 computed at the rate of one hundred dollars a day for each day of violation, not to exceed  
6 one thousand dollars for each Plaintiff and member of the Class, and a reasonable attorneys'  
7 fee and other costs of litigation, as provided by RCW 9.73.060.

8 79. VW's acts and practices in violation of Chapter 9.73 RCW as complained of herein have  
9 injured the persons of Plaintiffs and each member of the Class.

10 80. Because VW's wrongful interception, recordation and retention of text messages as alleged  
11 above has occurred on more than ten separate occasions and/ or continued for more than  
12 ten days, Plaintiffs are entitled to \$1,000 of statutory liquidated damages.

13 81. Each member of the Class is therefore entitled to \$1,000 of statutory liquidated damages.

14 82. Plaintiff therefore seeks recovery of damages, including specifically statutory damages, on  
15 his own behalf and on behalf of each member of the Class, together with the costs of the  
16 suit, including reasonable attorneys' fees and other costs of litigation.

17 **B. Second Cause of Action: Declaratory Relief**

18 83. Plaintiff hereby incorporates by reference the allegations contained in the preceding  
19 paragraphs of this Complaint.

20 84. This Second Cause of Action is brought pursuant to the Uniform Declaratory Judgments  
21 Act, Chapter 7.24 RCW, on behalf of the Class, against VW.

22 85. Plaintiffs seek a declaration that VW's conduct violates the Washington Privacy Act.

23 **C. Third Cause of Action: Injunctive Relief**

24 86. Plaintiff hereby incorporates by reference the allegations contained in the preceding  
25 paragraphs of this Complaint.

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1 87. Plaintiffs seek an injunction from this Court, enjoining VW from further interception and  
2 recordation of text messages by use of its infotainment systems, and ordering VW to cause  
3 its infotainment systems to delete all stored text messages.

4 **VII. PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

5 WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs and the Class prays for relief and judgment as follows:

6 A. Declaring that this action is properly maintainable as a class action under Civil Rule  
7 23, and certifying Plaintiffs as the Class representative and their counsel as Counsel for the Class;

8 B. Declaring that VW recorded private communications and conversations in violation  
9 of the Washington Privacy Act;

10 C. Awarding Plaintiffs and the members of the Classes the remedy of liquidated  
11 damages at the rate of one hundred dollars a day for each day of violation, not to exceed one  
12 thousand dollars, and a reasonable attorneys' fee and other costs of litigation;

13 D. Enjoining further violations of the WPA; and

14 Such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

15 **VIII. JURY DEMAND**

16 Plaintiff and the Class hereby demand a trial by jury.

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19 August 9, 2021.

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21 By:

ARD LAW GROUP PLLC

Joel B. Ard, WSBA # 40104

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ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF AND THE  
PUTATIVE CLASS

# EXHIBIT B





## Notice of Service of Process

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**Primary Contact:** Stevi McIntosh  
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<b>Entity:</b>	Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. Entity ID Number 0456194
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TO THE DEFENDANT:

A lawsuit has been started against you in the above-entitled court by Gellert Dornay and Mark Jones, Plaintiffs. Plaintiffs' claims are stated in the written complaint, a copy of which is served upon you with this summons.

In order to defend against this lawsuit, you must respond to the complaint by stating your defense in writing, by filing the original response with the above-entitled court, and by serving a copy upon the plaintiff within 20 days after service of this summons (or 60 days if this summons was served outside the State of Washington) excluding the day of service, or a default judgment may be entered against you without notice. A default judgment is one where plaintiff is entitled to what he asks for because you have not responded. If you serve a notice of appearance, you are entitled to notice before a default judgment may be entered. A copy of all responsive pleadings must be filed with the court.

SUMMONS - 1  
DORNAY V. VW

ARD LAW GROUP PLLC

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Bellevue Island, WA 98116  
Phone: (206) 701-9243

1 If you wish to seek the advice of an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so  
2 that your written response, if any, may be served on time.

3 This summons is issued pursuant to Rule 4 of the Superior Court Civil Rules of the State  
4 of Washington.

5  
6 August 9, 2021.

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# EXHIBIT D

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON  
IN AND FOR THURSTON COUNTY

GELLERT DORNAY ET AL  
VS  
VOLKSWAGEN GROUP OF AMERICA INC.

No. 21-2-01368-34  
NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT AND NOTICE OF  
TRIAL SETTING DATE

TO: THURSTON COUNTY CLERK  
ATTORNEYS/LITIGANTS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. That the above-noted case number is assigned to: **The Honorable Erik D Price**
2. That the trial setting date for this case is: **December 10, 2021**

**Do not come to court on the trial scheduling date.** Do not call or e-mail the court. Instead, file a scheduling questionnaire and serve it on the other parties. The questionnaire is attached to this notice. Review Local Court Rule 40 for more information about scheduling.

3. **Plaintiff:** You must serve both this notice and a blank scheduling questionnaire 14 days prior to the trial setting date. If there is no proof of service, the court will not issue a case scheduling order. You must file a completed scheduling questionnaire 5 court days prior to the trial setting date.
4. **All Other Parties:** You must file and serve a completed scheduling questionnaire 2 court days prior to the trial setting date. Joint submissions by both parties are also accepted on this date.
5. Failure to timely submit a scheduling questionnaire shall not be grounds to delay issuing a case schedule order, and it shall not be grounds to continue the trial unless good cause is demonstrated.
6. The court will not issue a case schedule order unless the case is ready to be scheduled. "Readiness" for scheduling is explained in Local Court Rule 40, which is available on the court's web site and in law libraries.
7. Parties can obtain an earlier trial scheduling date by filing and serving a notice of issue form.

Dated on this the 9th day of August, 2021.



# EXHIBIT E

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| <input type="checkbox"/> DOL Appeal Licensing Revocation                            | <input type="checkbox"/> STK Stalking Petition                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DVP Domestic Violence                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> SXP Sexual Assault Protection                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EOM Emancipation of Minor                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> TAX Employment Security Tax Warrant             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FJU Foreign Judgment                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> TAX L & I Tax Warrant                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FOR Foreclosure  | <input type="checkbox"/> TAX Licensing Tax Warrant                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FPO Foreign Protection Order                               | <input type="checkbox"/> TAX Revenue Tax Warrant                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HAR Unlawful Harassment                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> TMV Tort – Motor Vehicle                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> INJ Injunction   | <input type="checkbox"/> TRJ Transcript of Judgment                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> INT Interpleader   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TTO Tort – Other                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LCA Lower Court Appeal – Civil                             | <input type="checkbox"/> TXF Tax Foreclosure                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LCI Lower Court Appeal – Infractions                       | <input type="checkbox"/> UND Unlawful Detainer – Commercial              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LUPA Land Use Petition Act                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> UND Unlawful Detainer – Residential             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MAL Other Malpractice                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> VAP Vulnerable Adult Protection Order           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MED Medical Malpractice                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> VVT Victims of Motor Vehicle Theft-Civil Action |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MHA Malicious Harassment                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> WDE Wrongful Death                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MSC2 Miscellaneous – Civil                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> WHC Writ of Habeas Corpus                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MST2 Minor Settlement – Civil (No Guardianship)            | <input type="checkbox"/> WMW Miscellaneous Writs                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PCC Petition for Civil Commitment (Sexual Predator)        | <input type="checkbox"/> WRM Writ of Mandamus                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PFA Property Fairness Act                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> WRR Writ of Restitution                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PIN Personal Injury  | <input type="checkbox"/> WRV Writ of Review                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PRA Public Records Act                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> XRP Extreme Risk Protection Order               |

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